

ear-coverts, fore neck, centre of chest, belly, and thighs ashy grey, whiter on the throat; bill greenish; irides red; legs and feet carmine. I take the description from a female shot in December 1887 and a male in April 1888, both near Swatow. There is another specimen in the Museum at Sikawei, another in the Shanghai Museum. Culmen, ♂ 1.2 inch, ♀ 1.03; wing, ♂ 5.2, ♀ 4.75; tail, ♂ ♀ 2.5; tarsus ♂ 2.1, ♀ 2.0.

*G. olivacea*, Meyer, with which the present species might be confused, is a good deal larger bird, has reddish under tail-coverts, no trace of white on the throat at any season of the year, and has greenish-brown feet and legs.

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VII.—*Description of an apparently new Species of the Genus Siphia from Borneo.* By A. H. EVERETT, C.M.Z.S.

A SINGLE specimen of a fine new Flycatcher of the genus *Siphia* was obtained by my native hunter on Mount Penrisen, in Sarawak, in December 1889, and is now in the collection of the British Museum. Both Count Salvadori and Mr. Sharpe concur in believing the bird to be new. Neither the sex nor the elevation at which the specimen was obtained can be stated, but it is probably a male and restricted to the highlands.

I propose to call it

*SIPHIA NIGROGULARIS*, sp. n.

*Adult.* General colour above dark blue, dull on the crown, brighter on the back and scapulars, and passing into turquoise-blue on the rump and upper tail-coverts; forehead bright turquoise-blue, which extends backwards over the eye; lores, cheeks, ear-coverts, sides of the neck, and sides of the breast black, more or less distinctly washed with dark blue; chin

and upper throat dull black; lower throat pale orange-buff, which merges into bright orange-rufous on the breast; sides of the body and flanks pale orange-rufous; the centre of the abdomen white, with concealed black bases to the feathers; lower tail-coverts white, very faintly tinged with buff; thigh-plumes black, edged with white; under wing-coverts orange-buff; marginal coverts bright cobalt-blue, with black bases; greater coverts black, margined externally with dark blue; median and lesser coverts also black, tipped with a brighter shade of blue; quills black, the external margins dark blue, except in the first two primaries, which are wholly black; tail-feathers black, the two exterior ones entirely so, the remainder washed with dark blue on their outer edges. Bill black; legs (in the dry skin) light brown. Total length 5.25 inches, tail 2.15, wing 2.9, tarsus 0.65, culmen 0.6.

*Hab.* Penrisen Mountain, Sarawak, Borneo.

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VIII.—*Descriptions of two new Species of Flycatchers from the Island of Negros, Philippines.* By E. L. MOSELEY.

(Plate II.)

THE specimens upon which these species are based were obtained on a mountain-trip in the island of Negros during my recent expedition with Professor Steere to the Philippine Archipelago. There was no human habitation within five miles of the locality where I shot them, the country being too rugged for inhabitants. We had constantly to use our hands in getting up or down the sides of the valley in which we swung our hammocks under a temporary roof for two nights. The valley seems to be the crater of an extinct volcano, the bottom of which is occupied by a deep lake of clear water, but without outlet and without fish, though containing many other forms of life. So steep are the banks that it is impossible to go from one spot to another without ascending to a height of several hundred feet. Were it not for the dense vegetation on the slopes of the valley, it would be unsafe to descend into it. From barometrical observations I determined the